

# Procedure file

Basic information	
COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) Regulation	2013/0415(COD) Procedure completed
Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement: Moldova	
Amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001	<a href="#">2000/0030(CNS)</a>
Subject	7.10.04 External borders crossing and controls, visas
Geographical area	Moldova

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>LIBE</b> Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	S&D <a href="#">FAJON Tanja</a>	16/12/2013
European Parliament	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>AFET</b> Foreign Affairs	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Transport, Telecommunications and Energy</a>	<a href="#">3303</a>	14/03/2014
	<a href="#">Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)</a>	<a href="#">3298</a>	03/03/2014
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Migration and Home Affairs</a>	MALMSTRÖM Cecilia	

Key events			
27/11/2013	Legislative proposal published	COM(2013)0853	Summary
13/01/2014	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
12/02/2014	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
13/02/2014	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	<a href="#">A7-0104/2014</a>	Summary
27/02/2014	Results of vote in Parliament		
27/02/2014	Debate in Parliament		
27/02/2014	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	<a href="#">T7-0166/2014</a>	Summary

14/03/2014	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
03/04/2014	Final act signed		
03/04/2014	End of procedure in Parliament		
08/04/2014	Final act published in Official Journal		

### Technical information

Procedure reference	2013/0415(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
	Amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 <a href="#">2000/0030(CNS)</a>
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 077-p2
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	LIBE/7/14678

### Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(2013)0853	27/11/2013	EC	Summary
Committee draft report		<a href="#">PE526.102</a>	20/12/2013	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A7-0104/2014</a>	13/02/2014	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">T7-0166/2014</a>	27/02/2014	EP	Summary
Draft final act		<a href="#">00036/2014/LEX</a>	03/04/2014	CSL	

### Additional information

European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>
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### Final act

[Regulation 2014/259](#)  
[OJ L 105 08.04.2014, p. 0009](#) Summary

## Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement: Moldova

**PURPOSE:** to amend Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT:** the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

**BACKGROUND:** Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 lists the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders (the so-called negative list (Annex I) and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (the so-called positive

list (Annex II)). As the criteria set out in Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 can evolve over time in relation to third countries, the composition of the negative and positive lists should be reviewed and amended when appropriate. Third countries for which the situation has changed as regards these criteria, should be transferred from one Annex to the other.

CONTENT: following successful negotiations between the EU and Moldova and taking into consideration the progress made by Moldova in its visa liberalisation dialogue during the last three years, the Commission proposes to transfer Moldova from the negative to the positive list, however with a limitation of this visa waiver to the holders of biometric passports issued by Moldova in line with standards of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

BUDGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implication on the European Union budget.

## Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement: Moldova

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The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs adopted the report by Tanja FAJON (S&D, SI) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement.

Following the positive outcomes of the Visa Dialogue, and keeping in mind that Moldova abolished visa obligations for all EU citizens in 2007, the committee recommended the European Parliament to adopt its position at first reading taking over the Commission proposal.

## Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement: Moldova

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The European Parliament adopted by 460 votes to 40, with 10 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement.

Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure taking over the Commission proposal.

## Third countries whose nationals are subject to or exempt from a visa requirement: Moldova

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PURPOSE: to amend [Regulation \(EC\) No 539/2001](#) to include Moldova in the positive list in that Regulation (Annex II of the Regulation being those countries whose nationals are exempt from the requirement that they have a visa when crossing the external borders of Member States of the Union).

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) No 259/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement

BACKGROUND: Council Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 lists the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders (the negative list) and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement (the positive list).

As the criteria set out in Regulation (EC) No 539/2001 can evolve over time in relation to third countries, the composition of the negative and positive lists should be reviewed and amended when appropriate. Third countries, for which the situation has changed as regards these criteria, should be transferred from one Annex to the other.

CONTENT: In line with the Joint Declaration approved at the Prague Eastern Partnership Summit on 7 May 2009, and the completion by the Republic of Moldova of its Visa Liberalisation Action Plan, Moldova meets all the benchmarks set out in the Visa Liberalisation Action Plan.

The Regulation transfers Moldavia from the negative list in Regulation 539/2001 to the positive list, with a limitation of the visa waiver to the holders of biometric passports issued by Moldova in line with standards of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

Territorial provisions: the United Kingdom and Ireland are not taking part in the adoption of the Regulation and are not bound by it or subject to its application.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 28.04.2014.